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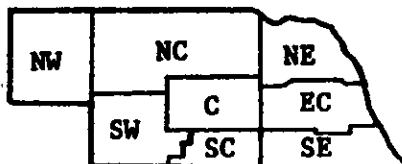
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WEATHER

The week started out cool and wet followed by warming and widespread thunderstorms at the end of the week. Rainfall ranged from one to three inches statewide. Average temperatures ranged from normal in the north central to two to three degrees below normal elsewhere.

GENERAL

Heavy rains of a week ago kept fieldwork to a minimum during the first part of the week, however, as the week closed field preparation for spring planting was widespread. Corn planting progress was one week behind normal in most areas and oat seeding was one to two weeks later than usual. Panhandle producers continued their struggle with wet grounds to complete sugar beet planting. Statewide, wet field conditions have greatly limited field preparation with only three days considered suitable for fieldwork last week.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 55% adequate and 45% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 59% adequate and 41% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 17% short, 63% adequate and 20% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 20% short, 76% adequate and 4% surplus.

CROPS

Corn planting rated 15% complete, same as last year but one week behind the normal progress of 35%. Planting was most advanced in east central and southeastern fields.

Oat seeding was showing signs of completion at 85% compared to 98% last year and 95% normal. Early planted fields were greening up.

Winter wheat crop conditions rated 12% fair, 66% good and 22% excellent. Nearly 15% of the acreage has reached the jointed stage compared to 35% last year and 30% normal. Weed control has been of more concern this spring with many fields being sprayed.

Alfalfa crop condition rated 10% fair, 76% good and 14% excellent. Many producers have been applying fertilizer.

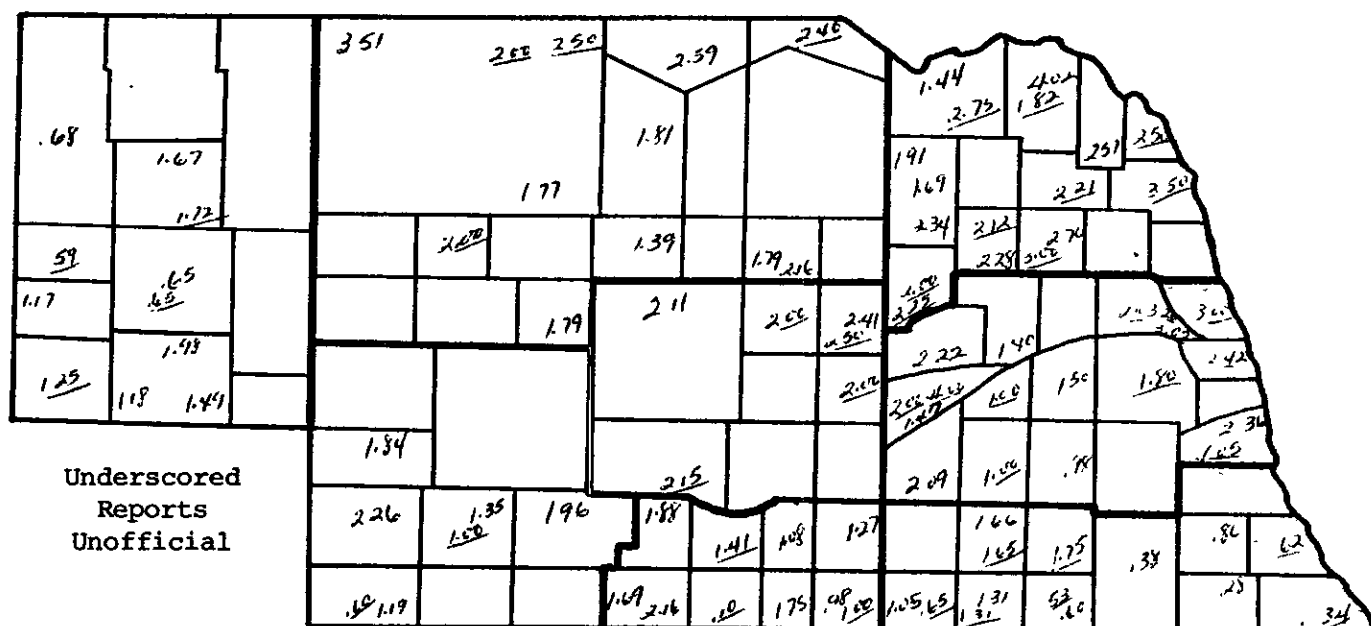
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate to short, with most grass stands still too short for grazing. With fieldwork slow, many beef producers turned to branding calves and working cattle in preparation for release onto pastures. In some areas, hay supplies have been shorter than expected as producers have needed to wait longer than expected for pasture growth.

Precipitation, April 1 - May 6, 1983

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	1.30	2.10	2.40	2.30	1.90	1.70	1.50	.90
Total since April 1	2.20	3.20	4.40	3.80	3.20	3.80	2.30	2.30
Normal since April 1	2.21	2.58	2.98	2.77	3.23	2.33	2.76	3.40

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1983



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1983

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	74	30	51	--	1.19
Scottsbluff	72	33	51	-2	.15
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Ord	76	31	52	--	.10
Valentine	79	30	53	0	.37
NE Norfolk	79	36	55	-2	.21
Sioux City	77	38	55	-3	1.78
CEN Grand Island	74	34	55	-2	.82
EC Lincoln	82	35	57	-2	.09
Omaha	77	41	56	-2	1.08
SW Imperial	75	34	52	--	--
North Platte	77	33	52	-3	.21

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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